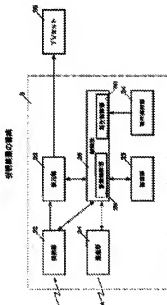


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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To realize a partial contents providing method that is more convenient for a viewer and a contents provider. **SOLUTION:** A receiving part 20 receives a desired transport stream and outputs it to a restoring part 22, which selects desired service out of the transport stream and restores the contents. A storage control unit 28 automatically stores the previews of pay-per-view contents in a storage part 32 independently of a view command of a user. The previews of a lot of pay-per-view contents are automatically stored in the storage part 32. In accordance with a command of the user, a regeneration control unit 30 reads the previews stored in the storage part 32, and gives the previews to the restoring part 22 which performs restoration. As a result, the user can view the previews in real time. Since the previews are stored previously, intended previews can be viewed in a perfect form.



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